

# UT System Accountability: Measuring Student Success

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# UT System Accountability Profiles

## Academic Institutions

Mission · Annual Achievements · Peer Comparisons · Narrative and Quantitative Analyses

### Undergraduate Access

- Enrollment
- Student Characteristics
  - Top 10%
  - Full-time
  - ACT/SAT
  - Transfers
  - Race
- Academic Costs
  - Financial aid
  - Net costs/total

### Undergraduate Success

- 1<sup>st</sup> Yr Retention
- Graduation Rates
  - First-time
  - Transfer
- Degrees
  - STEM Degrees
- Outcomes
  - NSSE student experience
  - CLA – college learning
  - Licensure pass rates
  - Post-grad experience

### Graduate Students

- Enrollment
- Student Characteristics
  - Race
  - GRE/GMAT score
- Degrees
  - Masters
  - Doctoral

### Faculty & Instruction

- Faculty Salaries
- Faculty Profiles
  - Headcount
  - Gender, race
  - Tenure status
- Student/Faculty Ratio

### Research & Tech Transfer

- Research Expenditures
- Research Rankings
- Faculty Research
  - # grants
  - Research \$ per faculty
  - # postdoctoral fellows
- Tech Transfer
  - New invention disclosures
  - US patents
  - Start-ups, licenses, options

### Resources, Efficiency & Productivity

- Key Revenues
- Key Expenses
  - Revenue per student
  - Revenue per faculty
- Space utilization
- Philanthropy
  - Alumni
  - Individuals
  - Foundations/corporate
  - Other



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# UT System Accountability Profiles

## Health Institutions

Mission · Annual Achievements · Peer Comparisons · Narrative and Quantitative Analyses

### Student Success

Enrollment  
Student Diversity

Degrees  
• Professional  
• Doctoral  
• Medical

Pass Rates on Exams  
• Time to degree  
• Student satisfaction survey

### Faculty Research, Tech Transfer

Faculty Headcount  
Faculty Profiles  
• Gender, race, tenure status

Research  
• Grants, research rankings  
• Research expenditures

Technology Transfer  
• Invention disclosures, patents  
• Licenses & options, revenue

Faculty Awards and Honors

### Health Care

Clinical and Hospital Care  
• Hospital days, outpatient visits  
• Charity care  
• Patient charges/clinical faculty  
• New patient revenue/clinical faculty

Patient Satisfaction Surveys

### Resources, Efficiency & Productivity

Key Revenues  
Key Expenses

Administrative Costs/Total Expenditures

Philanthropy  
• Alumni  
• Individuals  
• Foundations/corporate  
• Other



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# Voluntary System of Accountability

- Voluntary Initiative for 4-year public universities
  - UT System led Texas in adopting/implementing VSA
  - All UT System academic institutions participate
- National - Sponsored by APLU and AASCU
- Greater Accountability
  - accessible, transparent and reliable information
- Common Web Report ([www.collegeportraits.org](http://www.collegeportraits.org))
  - designed for students and families
- Links to an Institution's website



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# Voluntary System of Accountability

## Student/Family Information

- Student Characteristics
- Undergraduate Admissions
- Costs of Attendance and Financial Aid
- Undergraduate Success & Progress Rate
- Campus Life
- Degrees, Areas of Study and Future Plans

Student Experiences - National Survey of Student Engagement measures

Student Learning Outcomes – Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA),  
Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) or  
ETS Proficiency Profile



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## Observations: Accountability Systems that Work

- FOCUS at the top – Layer the rest
- One size does NOT fit all
- Metrics alone do not provide the answers
- Meaningful progress tracking is more than just a “report”



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## Observations: Accountability Systems that *Don't* Work

- Weak link to long-term strategy and/or statewide goals
- Duplicative and excessive reporting – drains resources, low value
- Measuring everything can mean understanding nothing



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# Measuring Graduation Success

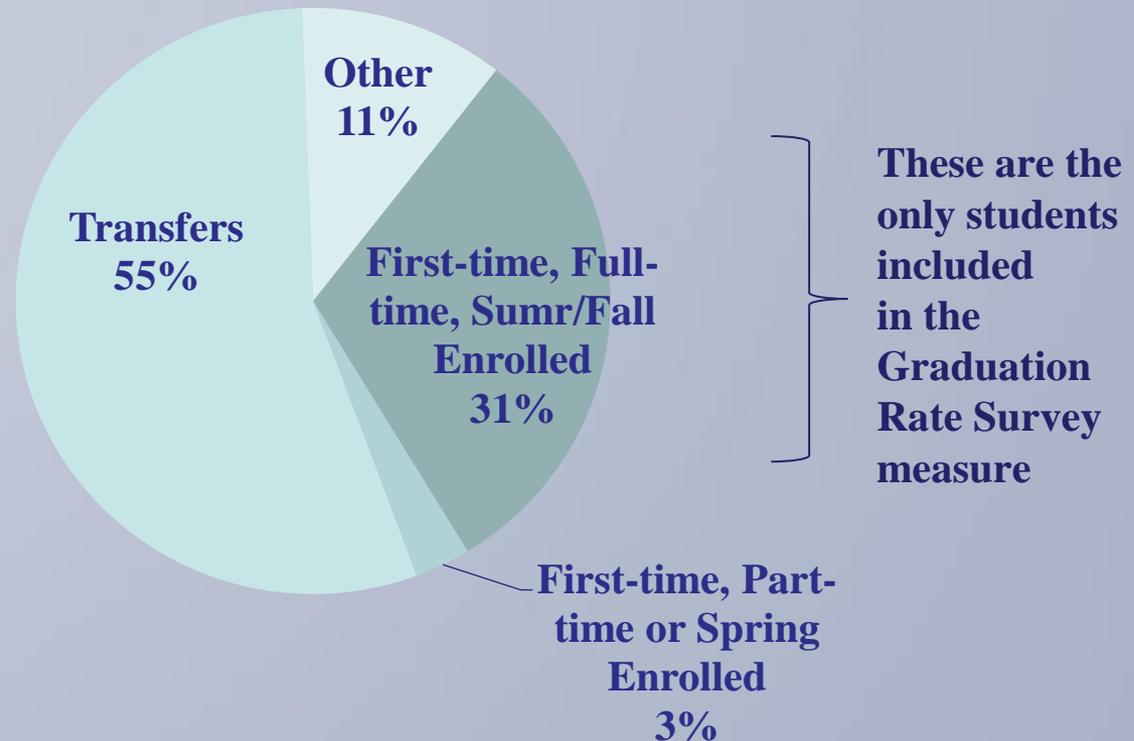
- Profile of recent UT graduates
- 6-year graduation rates
- Degree production
- Composite 6-year graduation and persistence rate
- UT Graduation Rate Initiative



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# Profile of Recent UT Graduates

**Fig. 1 Entry Status of Undergraduate Students at UT System  
Receiving a Baccalaureate Degree in AY 2008-09  
(excluding UT Austin)**



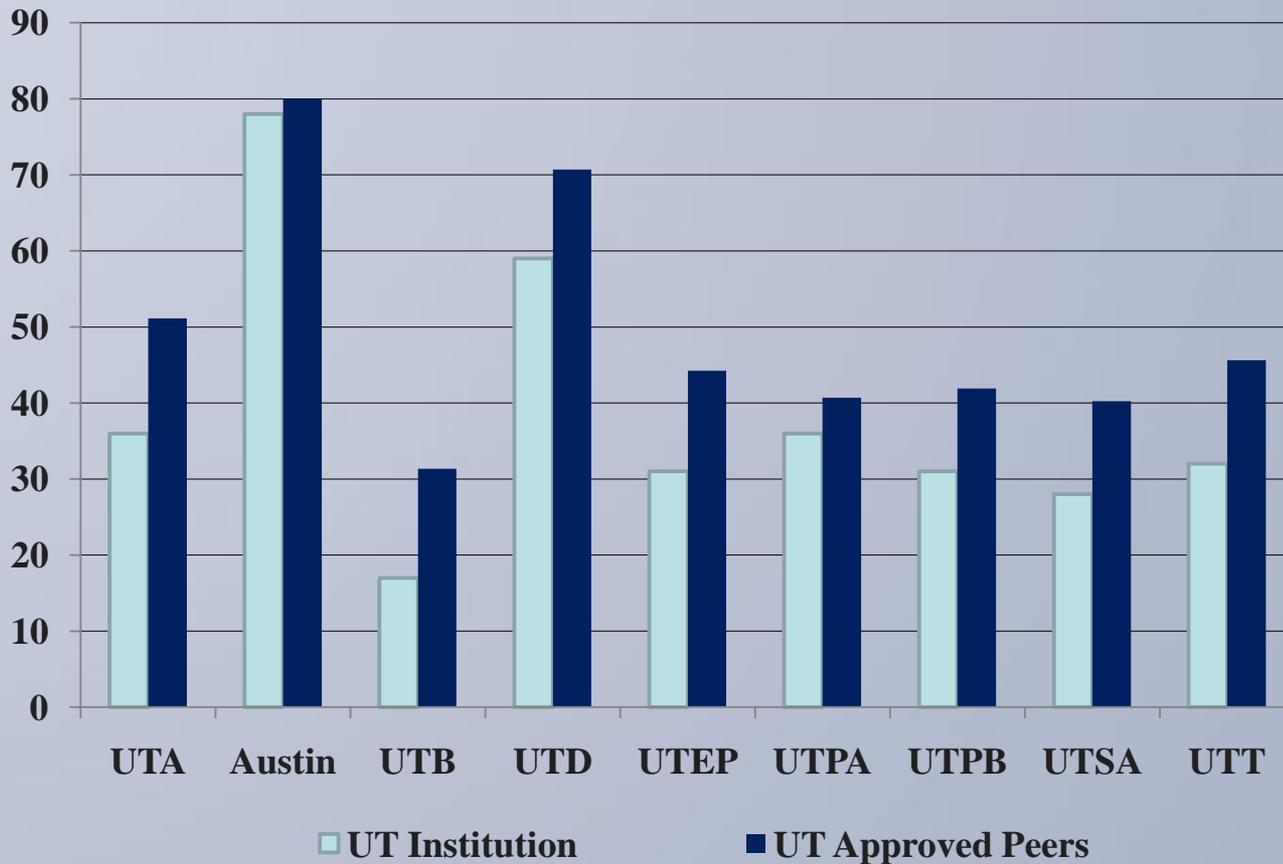
Notes: UT System academic institutions (excluding UT Austin). Students who earned a baccalaureate degree in AY 2008-09 were traced back to the first semester they were enrolled at the degree-granting institution. Data prior to Fall 1999 were not available; therefore, students with student ID changes or entry prior to Fall 1999 are classified as Other.



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# 6-Year Graduation Rates

**Fig. 2 6-Year Graduation Rates (at same institution)  
2007-08**

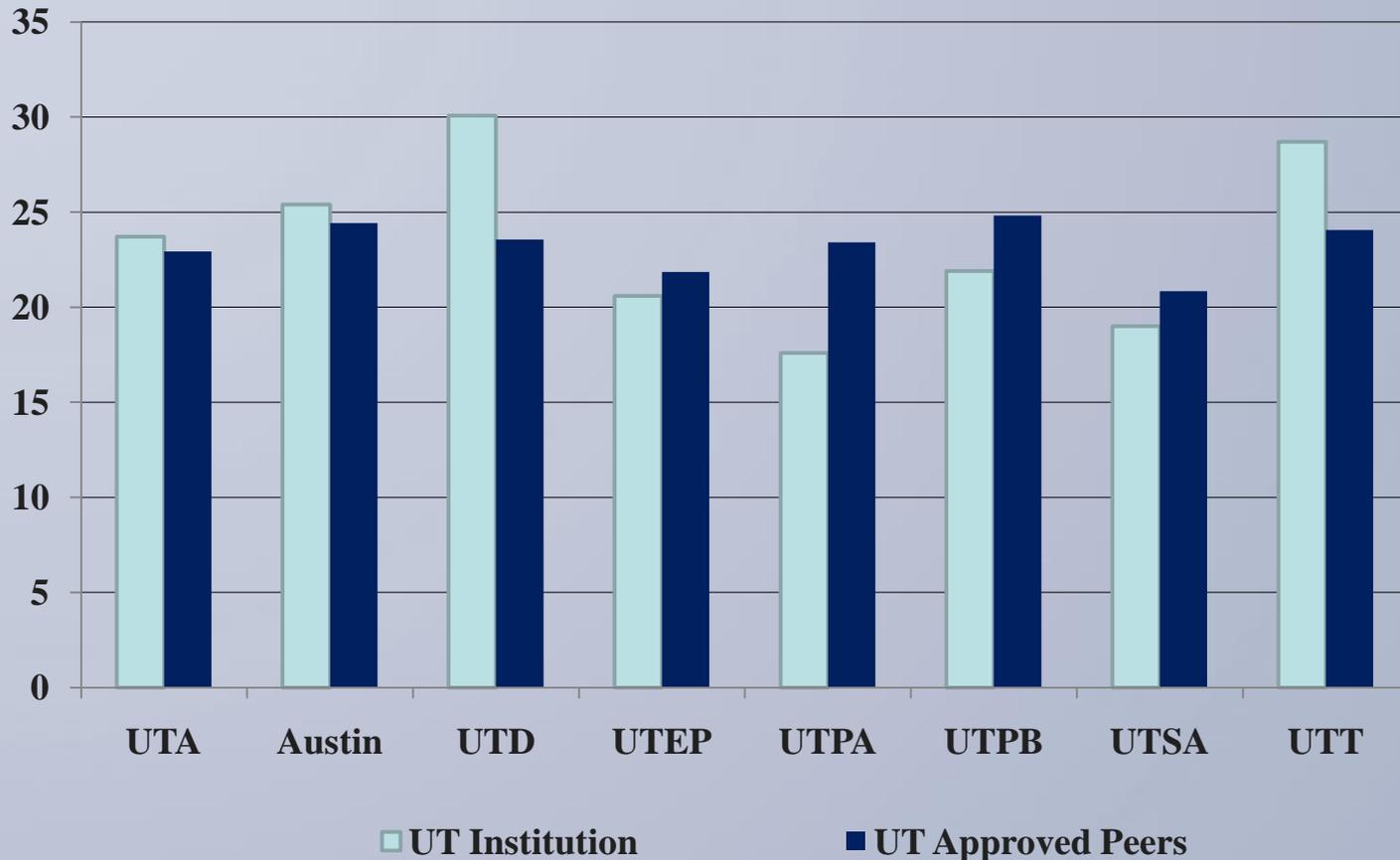




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# Bachelor's Degrees per 100 FTE Undergraduates

**Fig. 3 Bachelor's Degrees per 100 FTE Undergraduates,**



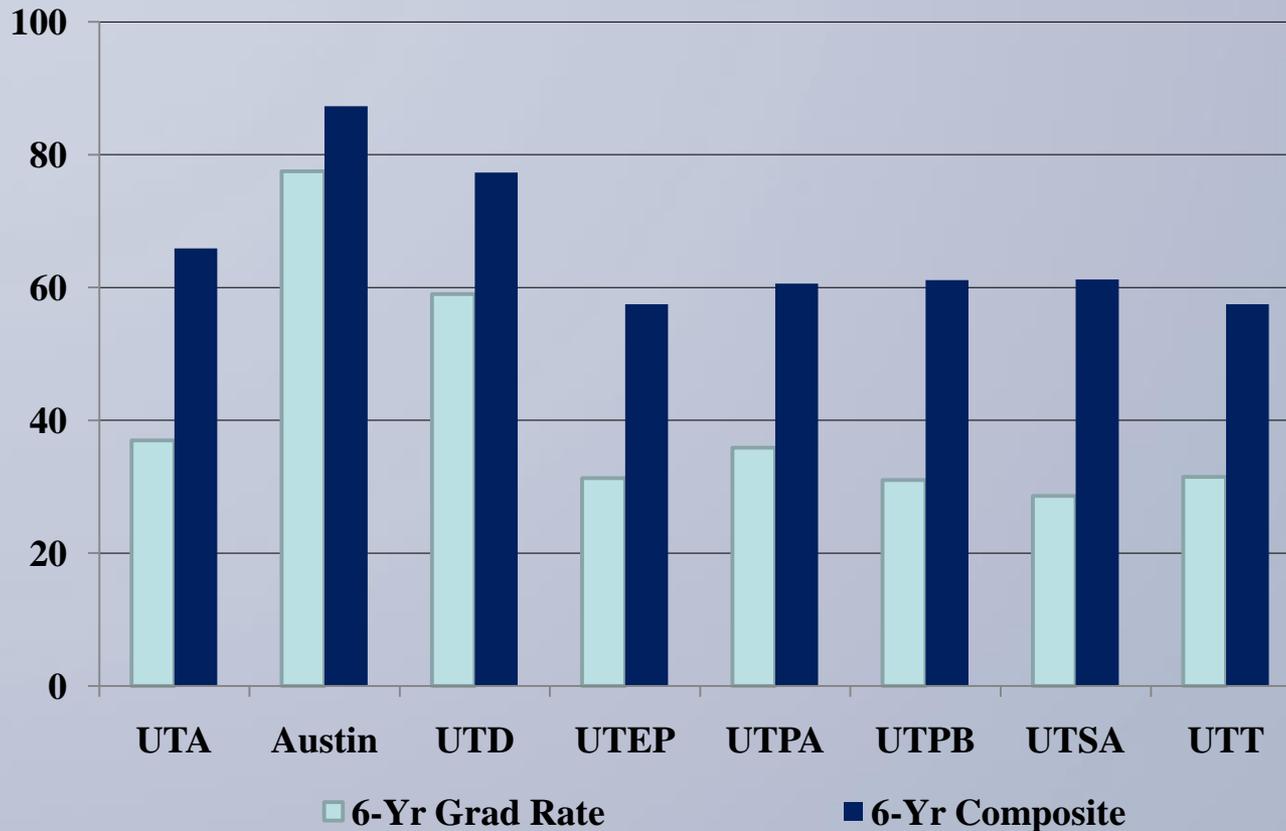
Note: Represents the number of bachelor degrees awarded in 2007-08 per 100 FTE undergraduates in 2004-05.



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# 6-Year Composite Graduation and Persistence Rates

**Fig. 4 6-Year Composite  
Graduation and Persistence Rates**



Notes: Composite represents the cumulative graduation and persistence rate at any institution in Texas. Rates are for first-time, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduates who began the summer/fall of 2002.



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# Comments and Questions